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Date: 13 Apr 94 23:39:09 GMT
From: mdisea!mothost!schbbs!news@uunet.uu.net
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In article <Xy6Jkc1w165w@barf80.nshore.org>, wb8k@barf80.nshore.org (Dennis jakubisin) says:

>
>Anyone know of an inexpensive (less than the \$300+ commercial converters)
>way to get on Mode S. How about converting some of the TVRO LNA/B's down
>in freq??

TVRO LNA's are a bit unstable for narrow band signal work. The two most popular approaches to getting on Mode S are the SSB electronics 2.4 GHz down-converter or the Down East Microwave (DEM) down-converter. I operate on Mode S using the DEM setup. I use a three foot Ku dish (Wineguard) , a DEM low noise preamp and the DEM down-converter. The preamp is needed due to the length of coax between the dish feed and the weather proof housing I use for the down-converter. The SSB reportedly is weather-proof and can be mount at the feed point of the antenna. The cost of the DEM gear is ~\$140 for the preamp and ~200 for the down-converter, if my memory serves me. The SSB system is about \$400, as I remember. Down East Microwave

advertises in QST as does the US rep for SSB Electronics.

Good luck!

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